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CHARLES PROTUS STEINMETZ.

A new prophet has arisen. From
depths of his learning and the
of his imagination as an elec-
trician, he has looked far into the
future and seen the day when we will
have any fuel nor any streams
forests, but will have to utilize
heat of the sun, find a substitute
timber and get along without riv-
ets. Fortunately, however, he sees
electricity a deliverance from an
anxiety of such a condition of
the world.

The prognosticator is Dr.
Charles Protus Steinmetz, head of the
electrical engineering school of Union
University at Schenectady, N. Y., and
consulting engineer of the General
Electric company, and incidentally
of the foremost mathematicians
of the world. In a recent address be-
fore an engineering organization Prof.
Steinmetz made may startling predic-
tions which have been receiving wide
attention at the hands of the editorial
writers of the country.

There are few more interesting men
in America than Dr. Steinmetz. He
is a man of most pronounced phys-
ical deformity, but you hardly see
notice it when once you be-
come engaged in conversation with
him. So great is your interest in what
he is saying. As his name indicates,
Steinmetz is a German, he comes
to this country some years ago.
His pronounced socialistic views
led him to the land of Emperor William
an uncomfortable place in which for
years to live. His first years in Amer-
ica were of absolute poverty, but finally
he secured a place with an electric
company near New York and his
troubles immediately began to at-
tend him. When all the Edison
companies and the Thomson-Houston
companies were consolidated under
the name of the General Electric com-
pany long eyes were cast at Stein-
metz by the new company, but he
was under contract with the concern
which he was employed and the
way the General Electric people
could secure his services was to pur-
chase the entire plant which they did
for a large sum. Not a
part of the machinery or a building
was needed or wanted, the purchases
being made for the sole purpose of
securing Dr. Steinmetz.

Next to his profession Mr. Stein-
metz is best known for his passionate
devotion to animals and his love for
nature. At his beautiful estate in
Connecticut, which by the way he
has torn down three times, he
was so satisfied with it, he has
one of the largest private aquariums
in the country and the largest part
of the house is devoted to the culture of
fish. In his conservatory he has
hundreds of queer animals, one of them
being the deadly Gila monster, which
he keeps in the steam pipes in the winter
and in the hot sands in the summer.
His flock of crows are his pride
and his conservatory has gotten to

strong black cigars, and he is, by the
way, the only employee of the General
Electric's 15,000 who is allowed to
smoke while at work. The cigars are
almost as large as he is, but it is a
rare thing to see him, whether he is
in his automobile, on his bicycle, or
in his laboratory without one of them
clutched in his teeth. In disposition
he is almost boyish in his geniality
and sociability. Friendly in the ex-
treme he makes friends wherever he
goes, but the admiration and adula-
tion he has received all over the
world has never changed him from
being a modest and unassuming man.

Such is a thumb-nail sketch of
the man who has startled the scienti-
fic world by the boldest predictions
which have been uttered by a sane
man in a great many years. It is a
wonderful change this country is go-
ing to witness in the years to come
according to Prof. Steinmetz, but per-
haps after all, the future generations
will place him in the roll of the true
prophets.

ROOT AND THE SUPREME COURT.

The report that Elihu Root is slated
for appointment as the next chief jus-
tice of the Supreme Court of the
United States lacks confirmation and
may have no foundation in fact, but
it serves to call attention to the prob-
ability that within the next five years,
covering the remainder of the term of
Theodore Roosevelt and the first term
of his successor, several vacancies
will need to be filled on the bench of
the nation's highest tribunal.

Both Melville W. Fuller, the present
chief justice, who is a Democrat, and
Justice John M. Harlan, who is a Re-
publican, have reached the three-
quarters of a century mark. Justice
Brewer, also a Republican, is seventy-
one; Justice Peckham, another Dem-
ocrat, will be seventy in a few
months. Hence it follows that three-
members of the court are now eligi-
ble to retirement on full pay if they
should desire to abandon active judi-
cial work, while a fourth will likewise
be eligible for retirement in a few
months. While it might conceivably
be possible that all this quarter should
retain their positions and their facul-
ties until March 4, 1913, it is extreme-
ly improbable that this will be the
case, since both Fuller and Harlan at
that date would have passed four
scores.

Chief Justice Fuller who is an ap-
pointee of Grover Cleveland and an up-
holder of the older school which held
the "strict construction" of the con-
stitution a fundamental dogma of
Democratic faith, has been credited
with the determination to retain his
post at all hazards until after the end
of Roosevelt's tenure of office. Whether
he would maintain the same atti-
tude if Taft were elected President
is another question. In any event the
next executive is reasonably sure to
have the opportunity to place new
men on the bench of the United
States Supreme Court. Few will dis-
pute the fitness of Mr. Root to fill
either the chief justiceship or the po-
sition of Associate Justice so far as
legal ability and learning are con-
cerned. Neither will it be denied
that he has performed solid and val-
uable services both as secretary of
war and as the head of the state de-
partment. His views, however, of
constitutional interpretation, as they
have been reflected in his public ut-
terances have strongly tended toward
the extension of Federal authority in
the prosecution of corporate enterprises
which were formerly considered the
rightful subjects of state jurisdiction.
In fact, he may be described as Ham-
iltonian in these things. Such a man
should not be the chief justice of the
United States Supreme Court.

The composition of the United
States Supreme Court during the next
presidential term is a matter of in-
terest to all thinking men. The
court has unquestionably acted as a
brake on some of the centralizing
tendencies of the Roosevelt adminis-
tration. On the course which it fol-
lows in the coming years the determi-
nation of the whole trend of the gov-
ernmental policies of the nation and
possibly of the question whether the
constitution itself shall be amended,
will largely depend. Mr. Root should
not be allowed to be an active partici-
pant in such proceedings.

The Taft people are determined to
have Fairbanks on the tail end of
the ticket, but the long and cold gen-
tleman evidently does not care to
have another bout with the political
undertaker.

Ward Howe at the cele-
bration of his eighty-ninth birthday
party. There is in-
formation.

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bloom. Our line of Straw
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WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

Senator Rayner has complained bit-
terly that his friend, Colonel Stewart,
is kept at so high an altitude. The
senator should contemplate the posi-
tions of some of his colleagues, who
have never been so thoroughly up in
the air as right now, and realize that
worse things might happen to a man.
—Washington Times.

President Roosevelt has made en-
emies as a matter of course, but they
have not had the nerve to suggest
him as a candidate for vice-president.
—Toledo Blade.

The coal supply of the world will
last only 200 years longer, says Mr.
Carnegie. At last we see the finish
of the Coal Trust.—Atlanta Constitu-
tion.

If the press of this country fails
to speak out courageously against
grafters, who is going to do it? Must
we wait for grafter to eat grafter?
—Dallas News.

The interesting question is whether
Colonel Guffey will consider himself
bound by the instructions at Denver.
—Philadelphia Inquirer.

There may be a few persons in
Cleveland who cannot see the advan-
tage of 3-cent fares with dynamite
on the side.—New York Sun.

Attorney-General Bonaparte may
perhaps be qualifying for admission
to a once select but now widely inclu-
sive circle of outcasts.—Washington
Star.

Senator Rayner appears to think
that a President who never makes a
mistake is too good to be true.—Wash-
ington Herald.

If he is not careful Senator Rayner
may yet come to be known as Sena-
tor Rapier.—Washington Herald.

A giddy young thing like Thomas
C. Platt ought not to be allowed to
go around without a chaperon.—Phil-
adelphia Record.

As yet the railroads have not pro-
vided statisticians to prove that it
will cost the shipper less to pay high
freight rates.—Chicago News.

One Philadelphia bank will be careful
to select a cashier now who will lose
his nerve before he reaches the \$100,
000 mark.—Cleveland Leader.

And yet think what a far cry it is
from the Merry Widow hat to the Di-
rectoire gown which is predicted for
this country next fall.—Indianapolis
News.

Mac C. Woods seems to be about
the sort of person who would marry
Thomas C. Platt for revenue only.—
Louisville Courier Journal.

A Case of Identity.
"It's a great help to be able to
size up the men you come in contact
with," said a most important still
that you should first know yourself.
"For instance, A noisy bunch took
ed out of their club late one night,
and up the street. They stopped in
front of an imposing residence.
After considerable discussion one of
them advanced and pounded on the
door. A woman stuck her head out
of a second-story window and deman-
ed, none too sweetly: 'What do you
want?'"

"Is this the residence of Mr.
Smith?" inquired the man on the
steps, with an elaborate bow.
"Is it possible to have the honor
of speaking to Misses Smith?"

Hampton, Phoebus and Old Poin

FLEET TO RUN FASTER

To Reel Off Fourteen Knots an
Hour in the Pacific

COAL BILL WILL BE \$15,000,000

Final Disposition of the Ships in Re-
spective Divisions is Made—Two
New Flagships in New Arrange-
ment Made by Admiral Sperry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—
Acting upon observations made by
Rear Admiral Evans on the cruise to
the Pacific, Rear Admiral Sperry may
make some spurts of four or five knots
an hour with the entire fleet on the
return cruise.

Excepting in the long runs from
Honolulu to Auckland, 3,850 miles,
and Albany to the Philippines, 3,300
miles, there will be no danger of burn-
ing too much coal and the tests can
be advantageously made without in-
jury to the boilers.

It is authoritatively stated that the
fleet will have made more than ten
or eleven knots on the cruise from
Hampton Roads to San Francisco had
it not been for the Alabama. The Al-
abama started out with a cracked cy-
linder, and Rear Admiral Evans did
not dare try her engines out for more
than eleven knots, fearing that she
might break down.

Rear Admiral Sperry's arrangement
of the vessels of the battleship fleet,
as they will be disposed in divisions
when they start from San Fran-
cisco on July 7, has been approved by
the navy department.

The Louisiana is transferred from
the first division to the third division
as flagship, and the Minnesota from
flagship of the third division to the
first division. The Virginia is trans-
ferred from the second division to the
third division, to take the place of the
Maine, and the Nebraska is assigned
in the second division to take the
place of the Virginia. The Wisconsin
goes to the fourth division as flag-
ship in place of the Alabama. The
fleet will start in this order:

First Division—Rear Admiral
Charles S. Sperry commanding, the
Connecticut (flagship), the Kansas,
the Minnesota and the Vermont. Sec-
ond Division—Captain Richard Wal-
wright, commanding, the Georgia,
the Alaska, the New Jersey and the
Ride Island. Third Division—Rear
Admiral William H. Emery, command-
ing, the Louisiana (flagship), the Vir-
ginia, the Ohio and the Missouri. Fourth Division—Cap-
tain Seaton Schuler, commanding, the
Wisconsin (flagship), the Illinois,
the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, and
as auxiliaries the Panther, the Glac-
ier, the Culgotha, the Yankton, the
Ajax and the Roll.

Approximately 100,000 is the esti-
mate of the cost of the coal consum-
ed by the Atlantic battleship fleet
when it will have finished its cruise
around the world. The estimate of
the cost of coal necessary to move the
fleet from San Francisco to Hampton
Roads, by way of Honolulu, Manila
and the Suez Canal has been report-
ed by the chief of bureau of equip-
ment as amounting to \$2,039,000. The
navy department has been in receipt
of unofficial communications from the
Australian government offering to fur-
nish the coal which cost required
during the visit the command in
Australian waters, course the gov-
ernment could not risk of accepting
such an offer until arrangements
have been made for the American coal
for the entire cruise.

CLOSING EXERCISES TO BE HELD IN OPEN AIR

Program at Normichol Tomorrow
Afternoon Will Given in Front
of the Mark House.

The fortieth commencement exer-
cises of the Hampton Normal and Ag-
ricultural Institute occur to-
morrow in front of the Mark House.
The exercises being held in the open
air, the immense number of the
class of more than 1,000 candidates
for diplomas and certificates,
which were presented to the board of
trustees at the 100th anniversary
exercises, will be joined their cer-
tificates of graduation from which
every branch they have won the
honors. The program will be in-
teresting and impressive, as well as
unique by reason of being held in the
open air.

Preparatory to finals this has
been a week of activity among the
various classes. Monday night
the senior trades held its clos-
ing exercises in Clend Hall, when
there was an exhibit from the vari-
ous departments, including carpentry,
cabinet making, smelting, paint-
ing, wheelwright, bricklaying,
plastering, printing, etc. Steam
firing, blacksmithing, up-
holstering. The display was admired
by all who witnessed the work of
the students, which compli-
mented.

The program and remarks by
the president, thus, George T.
Cordery, will be given by W. H.
Cordery, and the program will be
given by W. H. Cordery.

by Z. H. Hyman; Vocal solo by W. W.
Whitefield; "What Civilization Owe
to the Mechanic" by M. E. Brown;
Chorus solo by E. Thomas; Farewell
address by C. H. Williams and re-
marks by Rev. T. J. Jones, D. D.,
assistant chaplain and the president,
G. T. Cordery. Music was furnished
by the tradesman's band.

Last night the students and the
friends of the school assembled in
Cleveland Hall and listened to the
annual closing concert. The pro-
gram was one that proved highly de-
lightful to all who heard it.

The Program.

The musical program rendered fol-
lows:
(a) The Mill Jensen
(b) The Sooty Shrike Mayhew
Choir.
(c) The Eyes of Spring Franz
(d) Springtime Saint Saens
Night School Girls.
(a) The First Promise Greig
(b) The Swallows Cowen
Miss McClean's Class.
(a) Greeting to Spring Strauss
(b) With Horse and Horn
Night School Boys.
(a) Chorus of Elton The Rose
maiden Cowen
(b) Lullaby Dennee
Girls' Chorus.

RUTH.
A Sacred Cantata by Alfred R. Gaul.
Characters.

Ruth Roberta Morgan
Orpha Gertrude Howard
Naomi Bertrice Laws
Boaz Jeremiah Thomas
Handmaidens Day School
Reapers Male Chorus
Elders Orchestra

PART II—Sorrow.

In the country of Moab, and on the
road to Bethlehem.
PART II—Joy.

In the harvest-field, at the abode
of Naomi, and at the gate of Bethle-
hem.

Jacob's Ladder Plantation Melody
Day and Night School.

PENINSULA GUARDS' FUTURE TO BE SETTLED TONIGHT

Question As to Whether the Organi-
zation Shall Be Mustered Out of
Service to Be Settled.

The future of the Peninsula Guards
Hampton's military organization, will
be determined at a meeting to be held
in Armory Hall tonight, when a de-
cision will be arrived at upon which
the life of the organization depends.
Unless there is some very strong
reasons advanced for continuing the
company the prospects are good for
disbandment. Captain T. E. Jones
who has been working to have new
life put in the company, stated last
week that unless the meeting tonight
developed some flattering prospects
of rehabilitation, the company he
would accept the recommendation
from Colonel J. Lane Stern, the in-
spector-general of Virginia, to muster
the company from membership in the
Seventy-first Virginia regiment.

The meeting tonight will be an
open one and Captain Jones has an-
nounced that he will be glad to have
any citizens interested in seeing
Hampton maintain her military com-
pany, at the meeting.

To Visit in Phoebus.

Rev. George H. Stallings and daugh-
ter, Miss Bessie Stallings will arrive
this evening from Chincoteague
Island to visit friends in Phoebus.
Mr. Stallings will lead the prayer
meeting tonight at Chesapeake M. E.
church.

Having gotten something for one
dollar yesterday that would not sell
today, for two—didn't "pay" to read

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